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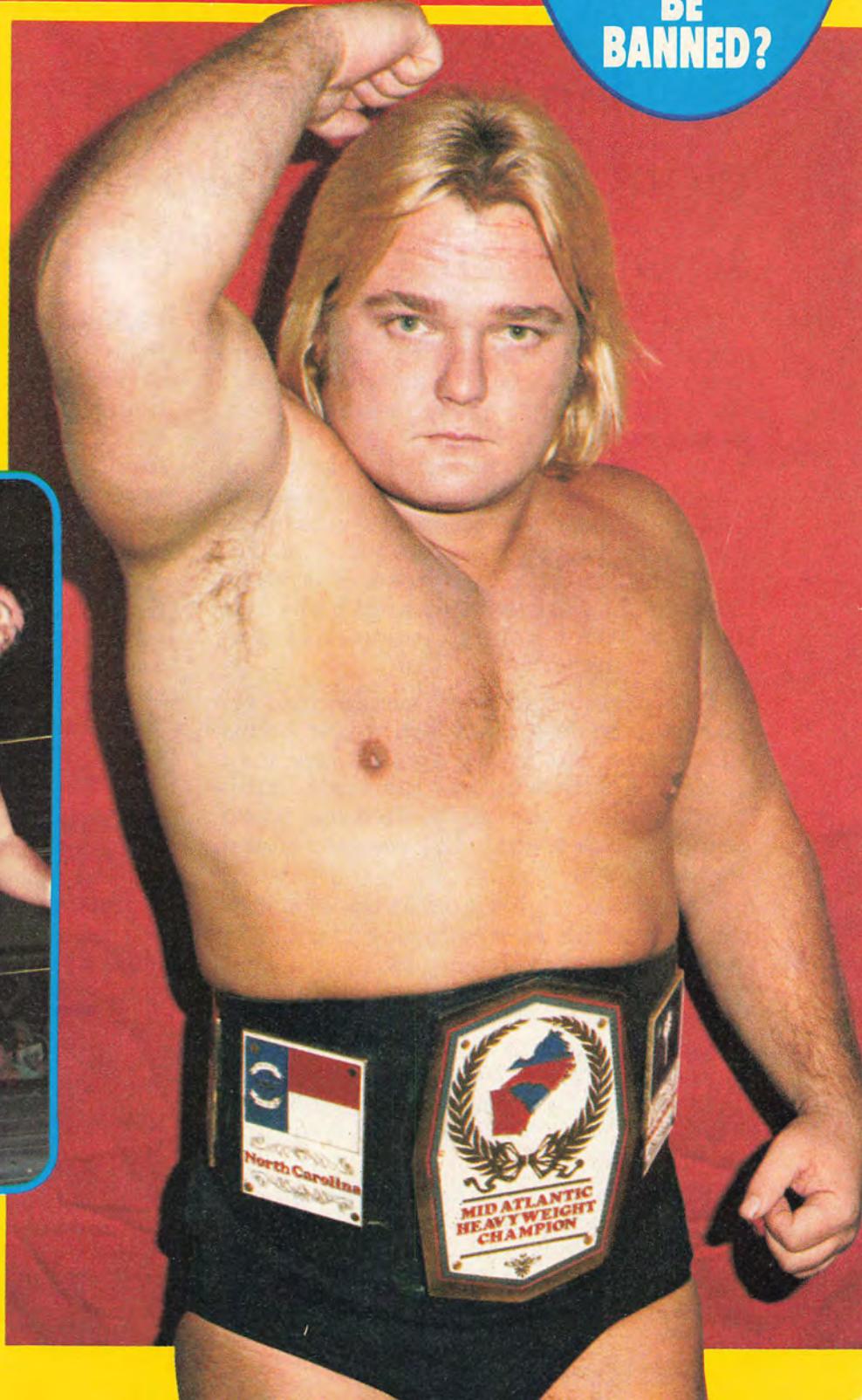
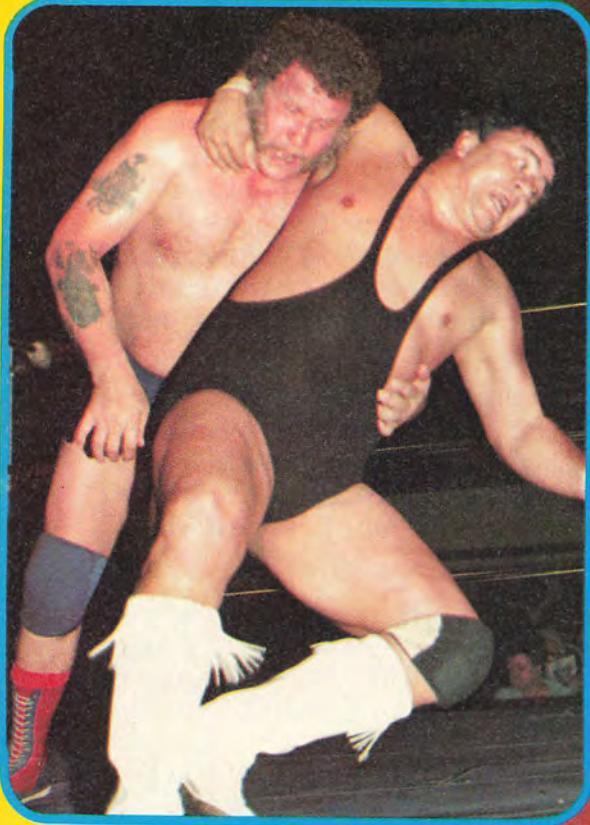
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"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that

business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

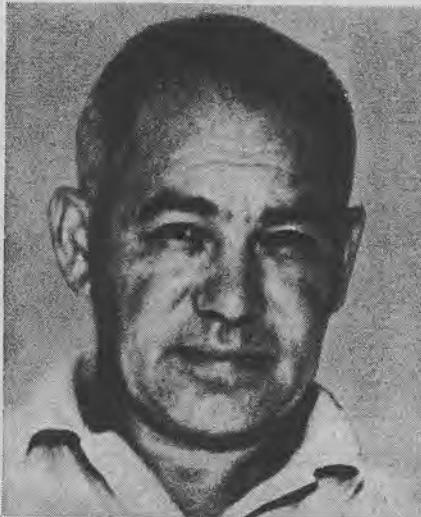
"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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# fifty

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by John B. Haikey



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1—BULLDOG BROWER  
2—GREG VALENTINE  
3—PETER MAIVIA  
4—DUSTY RHODES  
5—IVAN PUTSKI  
6—IVAN KOLOFF  
7—VICTOR RIVERA  
8—STEVE TRAVIS  
9—FRED CURRY  
10—STAN STASIAK



DICK MURDOCH



IVAN PUTSKI



MIGHTY IGOR



MIL MASCARAS

## AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

- Champion: NICK BOCKWINKLE  
1—JIM BRUNZELL  
2—BILLY ROBINSON  
3—VERNE GAGNE  
4—GREG GAGNE  
5—JERRY LAWLER  
6—LARRY HENNIG  
7—RAY STEVENS  
8—SUPER DESTROYER II  
9—PAT PATTERSON  
10—MIGHTY IGOR

## MOST POPULAR

- 1—DUSTY RHODES  
2—ANDRE THE GIANT  
3—RICK STEAMBOAT  
4—MR. WRESTLING II  
5—JACK BRISCO  
6—BOB BACKLUND  
7—IVAN PUTSKI  
8—MIL MASCARAS  
9—GREG GAGNE  
10—STEVE TRAVIS

## NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

- Champion: HARLEY RACE  
1—RIC FLAIR  
2—DUSTY RHODES  
3—RICK STEAMBOAT  
4—MR. WRESTLING II  
5—KEN PATERA  
6—MASKED SUPERSTAR  
7—DICK MURDOCH  
8—JIM GARVIN  
9—KEVIN VON ERICH  
10—LORD JONATHAN BOYD

## TAG TEAMS

- 1—THE VALIANT BROTHERS  
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3—RAY STEVENS & PAT PATTERSON  
4—KEN PATERA & JOHN STUDD  
5—OLE ANDERSON & IVAN KOLOFF  
6—JOS LEDUC & THOR THE VIKING  
7—BOB ROOP & BOB ORTON JR.  
8—LARRY ZBYSZKO & TONY GAREA  
9—KEVIN & DAVID VON ERICH  
10—EDDY MANSFIELD & LEROY BROWN

## MOST HATED

- 1—GREG VALENTINE  
2—BULLDOG BROWER  
3—RIC FLAIR  
4—MASKED SUPERSTAR  
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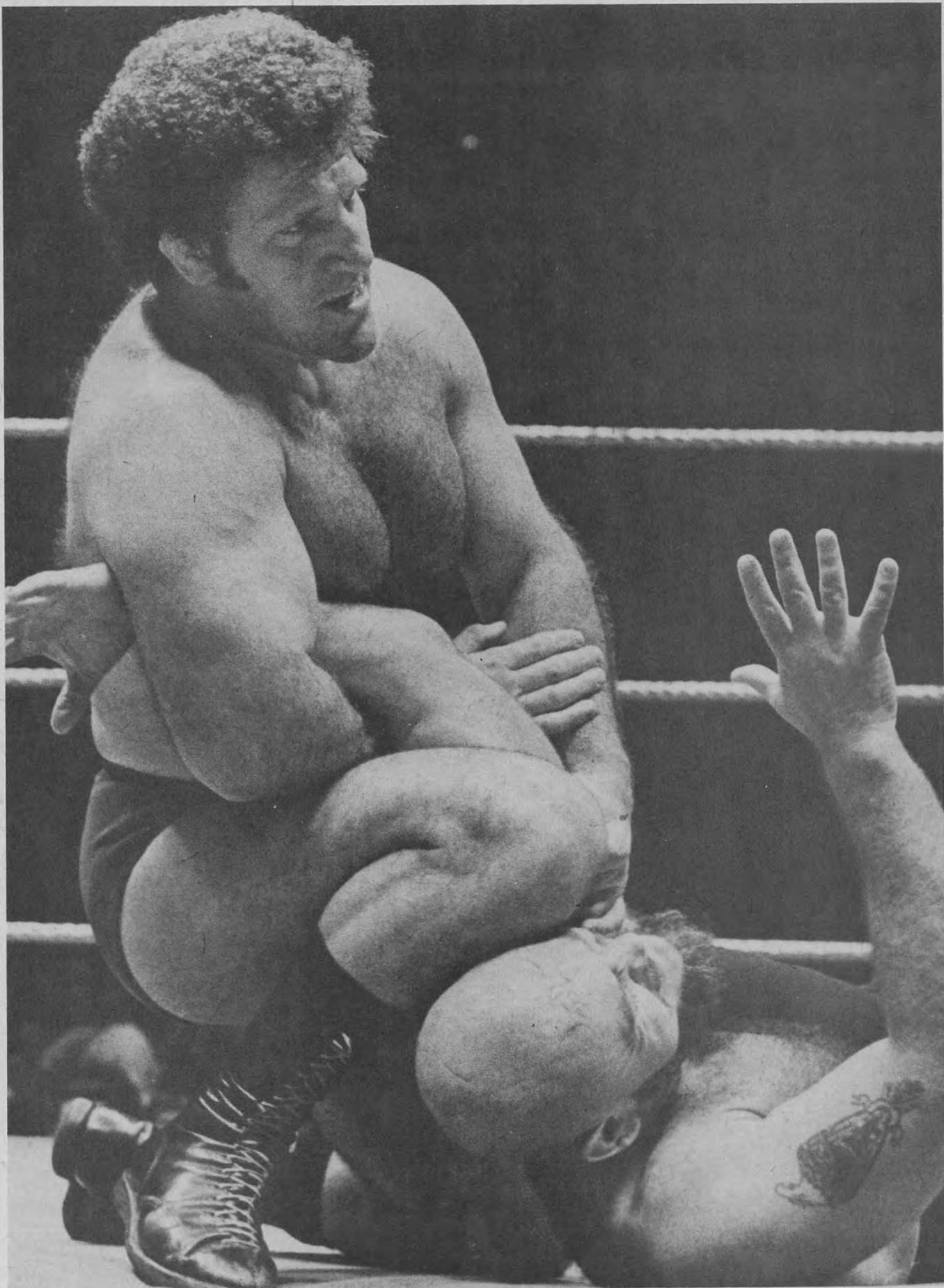
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Reader Clifford Oates claims we rated Mighty Igor (above) too low on strength in our recent Stat-o-Chart issue. It is possible we underrated the Polish strongman.

with you guys? Don't you see the way Igor crushes opponents and smashes them into little bits? I'll match Igor against any wrestler in the world.

**CLIFFORD OATES**  
Chicago, Ill.

## WINNING IS ALL THAT MATTERS

Throw out the final score of 88.5 given to Ray Stevens. All that matters is the guy left standing at the end. As your rating of 10.0 suggests, Stevens' finishing maneuvers are superb.

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Where was everyone when Blackjack Mulligan was terrorizing the Mid-Atlantic area? His strength didn't increase because he turned scientific. His ability to absorb punishment didn't go up just because he turned his back on pals Greg Valentine and Ric Flair.

Only his switch to scientific wrestling matters to you guys. If



Contributor Kurt Schmidt says we rated Blackjack Mulligan (above) high because we were impressed with his conversion to scientific wrestling.

he was as bad as ever and was still beating on Rick Steamboat instead of shaking his hand, you'd give Mulligan a low rating.

**KURT SCHMIDT**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
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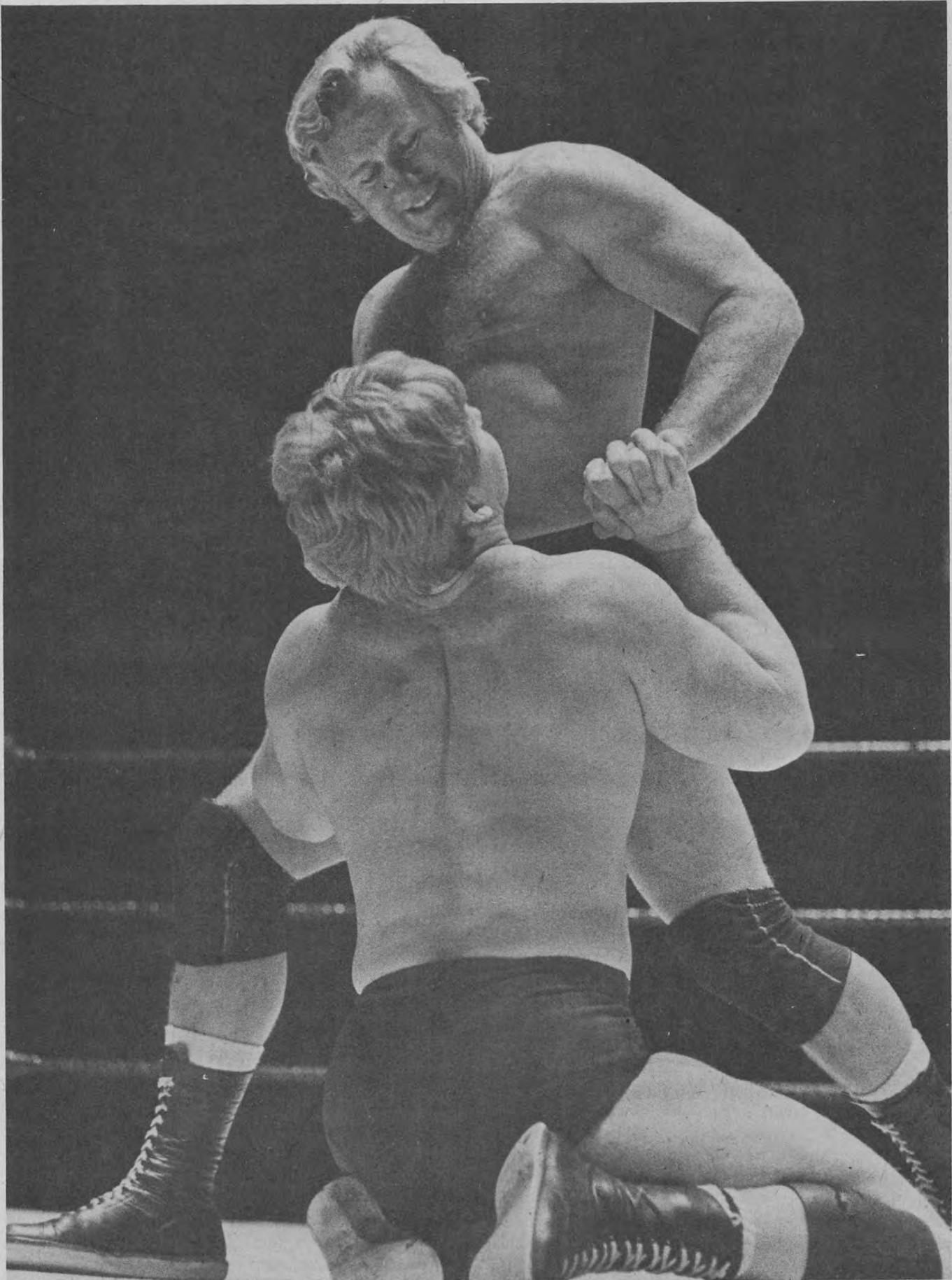
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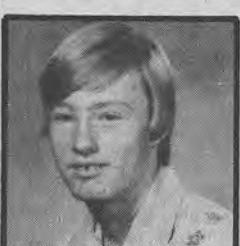
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Simple as two and two.

See, you can take any word or you can take the word of the shrinks. Doctor Onabla, a respected psychiatrist, certified Bulldog Brower completely sane. They gave him every test devised by man. They made him play with square holes, round holes, long blocks, little blocks. They made him drink blue water

and spit it into a tube. They made him do pushups while singing "I've Got Rhythm." There was no test Dr. Onabla and the doctors didn't do.

And they concluded Brower was sane. Really, Bulldog Brower is as sane as me.

Let us look into the meaning of sane. Sane. S-A-N-E. Spelled backwards, it's "enas," which is a

Central European frog.

Sanity means knowing right from wrong. My brother, Alfred Albano, the respected attorney with the firm of Flywheel, Julius, and Marx, advises me on sanity. Alfred says that if you can distinguish between right and wrong, you are sane. About Alfred, we're not too sure. But he can read, which is more than I can say for the editors of this magazine.

Bulldog knows what is right. Winning is right. Losing is wrong. Therefore, unquestionably, Bulldog does everything he can do to win. He is devoting all his energies toward doing the right thing. Thus everything he is doing is right. So if he is doing everything right, and avoids everything wrong, and knows



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## Everybody says Bulldog Brower is crazy. Everybody, but Lou Albano, that is. Here, in his own words, is Albano's defense of Brower, a testament to two crazy birds who flock together

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what is right, and knows what is wrong, he is sane.

Another measure of sanity is how you behave at the job you are in. Wrestling is an honorable sport which is tarnished by hooligans. You know who those hooligans are. Bob Backlund, Bruno Sammartino, Dusty Rhodes. All liars and cheats.

If you are sane, you don't have to lie and cheat, do you? Bruno Marinara and Howdy Doody Bobby Boo cheat and lie all the time. Why do they cheat and lie all the time?

According to Dr. Onabla, who has studied these peculiar life-forms for many months, they lie and cheat because they are confused. They realize their limited skills but don't know what to do about them. So they have to break the rules. If they

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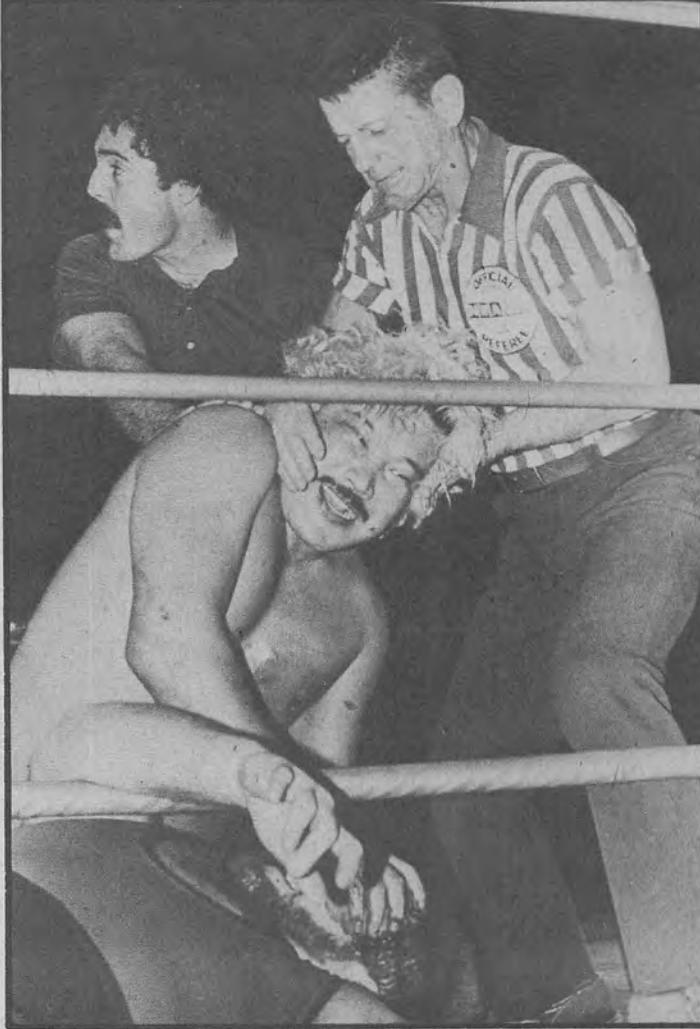


Brower does some self-promotion (top). Against S.D. Jones, the true Brower nature is apparent (above). Note the crazed eyes. But Brower's manager, Captain Louis Albano, insists his grappler is sane.

# YOU'RE ON THE SCENE WHEN THE ACTION HAPPENS!

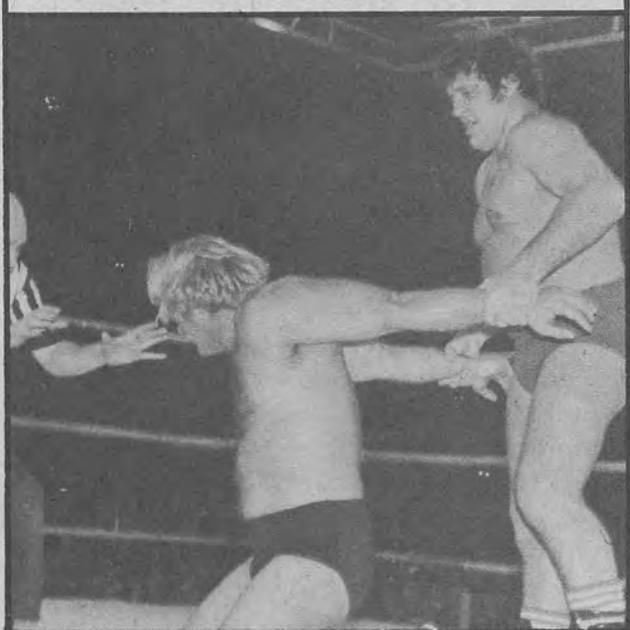
Our photographers make sure  
**YOU** have a ringside seat

## LOS ANGELES, CALIF.



Above: Japan's maniacal professor Hito teaches big Butcher Brannigan a few points with a clawhold. Right: Bockwinkle in action against top challenger Jerry Lawler.

## WINNIPEG, CANADA



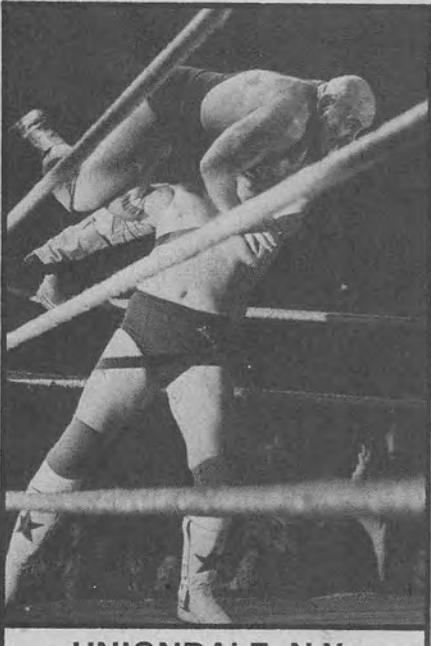
Above: Billy Robinson has AWA champion Nick Bockwinkle ready to quit, but the time limit will save his belt. Below: This time it's Billy having trouble against aggressive Pat Patterson.



## MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



## MEMPHIS, TENN.

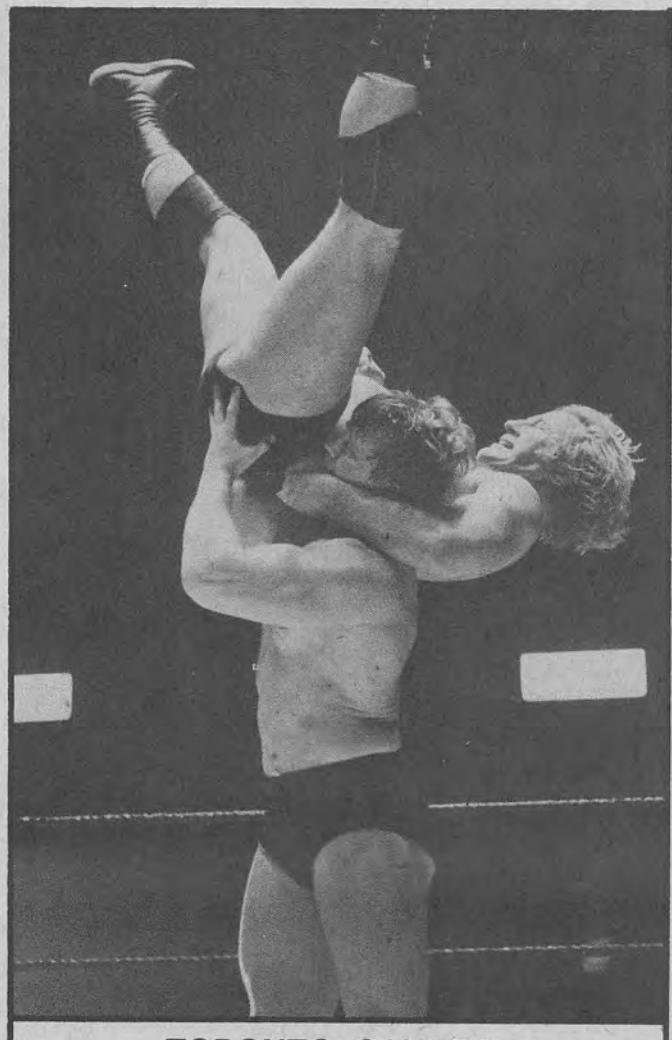


UNIONDALE, N.Y.



ST. LOUIS, MO.

Above: Dusty Rhodes lifts Ivan Koloff off his perch and slams him to the mat! Above right: Jerry Brisco is about to pummel big Blackjack Lanza.



TORONTO, CANADA



CARROLLTON, GA.

Above: Wild action with Mr. Wrestling II battling Masked Superstar. Left: Title vs. title as Bob Backlund defends against Nick Bockwinkle. Below: Jim Brunzell glides into Super Destroyer II.



OMAHA, NEB.



Despite the referee's intervention, Super Destroyer II stalks a stunned Jim Brunzell. What secret did Brunzell learn about Super Destroyer II? The secret revealed could change the life of the dreaded masked rulebreaker.

# JIM BRUNZELL LEARNS THE TERRIBLE SECRET OF SUPER DESTROYER II

THE COFFEE WAS cold. Rain beat against the window. Jim Brunzell's eyes followed the drops down the pane. As long as he kept sitting there, sipping the cold coffee, he didn't have to make any decision. Life is safer when you don't have to make decisions.

The phone rang. Brunzell wondered if he should answer it. By the time he got up, the ringing stopped. Just as well, as far as Brunzell was concerned.

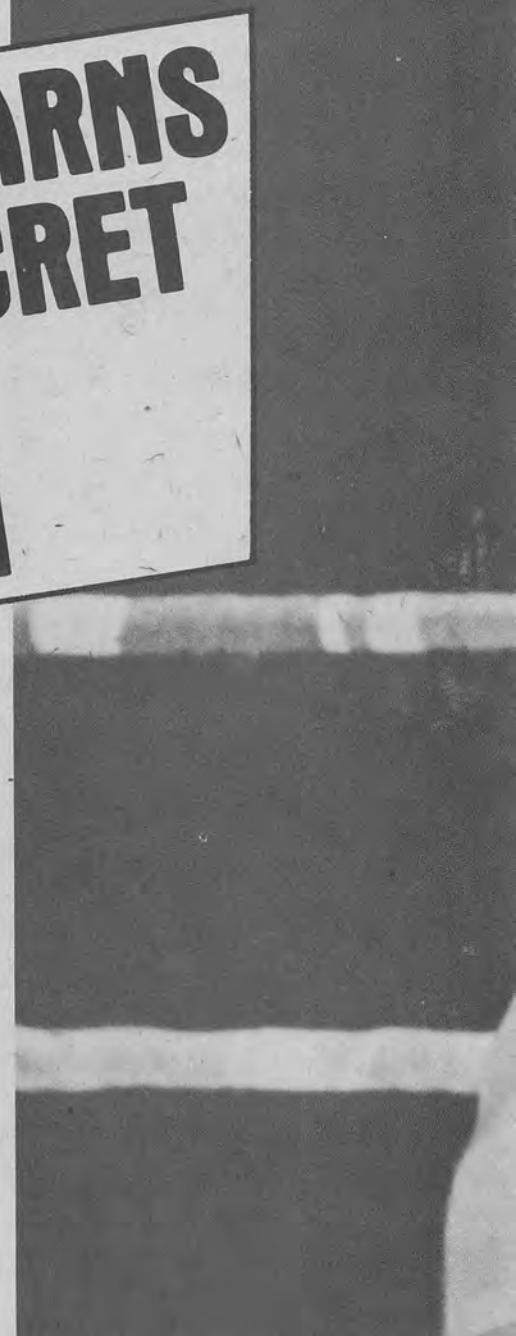
He turned on the radio. After checking out every station and

finding none that pleased him, he put on a record.

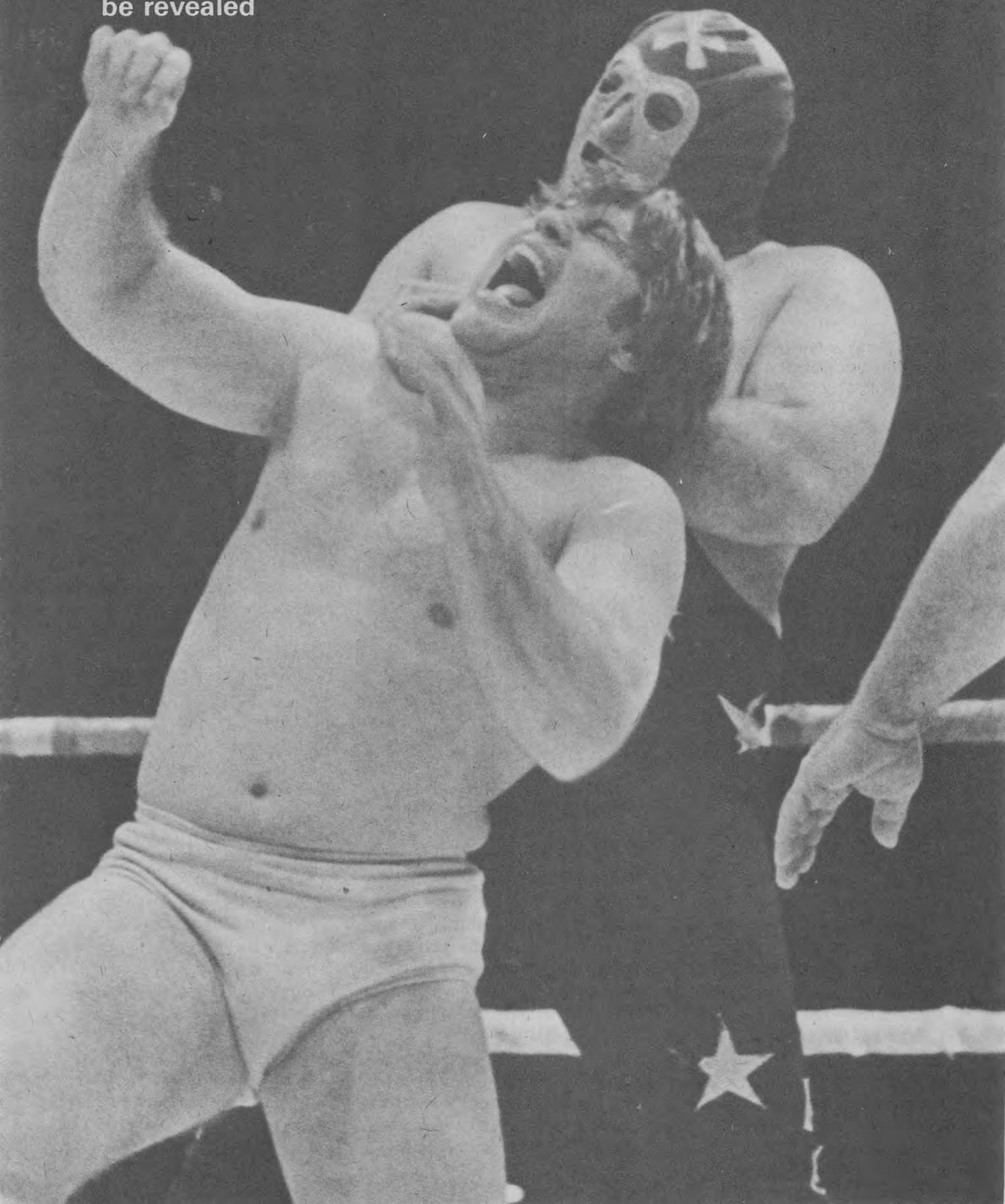
*"Yippie Tai Yi Yea,  
Get Along little doggies!  
It's your misfortune and none  
of my own."*

Brunzell whistled along to the cowboy song. Whenever he's depressed, Jim likes to listen to songs that tell of the open range, no responsibilities, and no thoughts of a future. "It's your misfortune and none of my own."

Jim reheated the remaining coffee and then began cleaning his apartment. He got as far as the couch, then sat down.

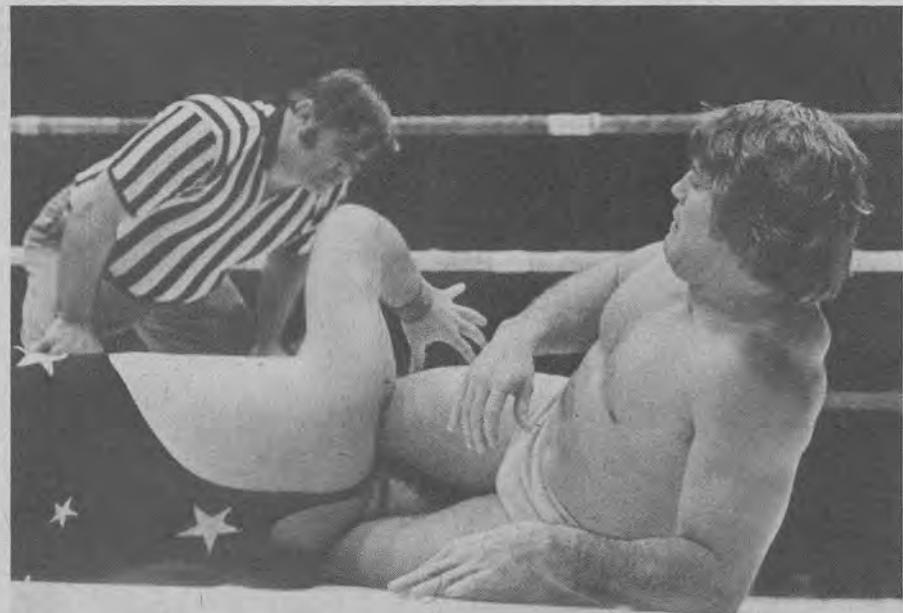


**After wrestling Super Destroyer II, Jim Brunzell became a shaken man. During the match some terrible secret about this masked demon became known to Brunzell. It is a secret too horrible to be concealed . . . but too terrifying to be revealed**





Brunzell applies an effective leghold against Super Destroyer II (above). Sometime during the match, Super Destroyer II's amazing secret became known to Brunzell. Jim locks the masked menace in a head scissors (below).



*"Ride around, little doggie,  
Ride around slow.  
Ole Firey and Scruffy  
Are rarin' to go."*

"Ride around slow," Jim whispered. He then realized his coffee was boiling. He rushed to the kitchen and turned off the flame. He tried to drink the burnt brew but it tasted horrible. He put on a new pot. Only after it started brewing did Jim realize he didn't want any more coffee. Didn't matter, anyway.

The record ended. Jim tried to find something else that would fit his mood. He put on Leonard Cohen's "Songs From A Room." Then he listened to Dave Von Ronk's album entitled, "Just." He tried to fill his mind with music, hoping to keep the thoughts out. It didn't work.

He had to make a decision. Should he tell? Who should he tell? Did he have the right to destroy a man's career? What if he was wrong? Even if he was right, was he

the man to stand in judgement? Yet, if he remained quiet, that would make him just as guilty. Sooner or later, someone else would find out. Then what? Would his career be destroyed along with Super Destroyer II?

Less than 12 hours before, Jim had wrestled Super Destroyer II. It had been a hard, grueling battle. But the fans never realized half of what had happened. While wrestling Super Destroyer II, Brunzell found out something so horrible that it could force the masked grappler to be banned.

No one else noticed. Perhaps no one else ever will. If the secret ever got out, Super Destroyer would be forced to leave wrestling. Perhaps the man would never be able to work in any profession. All it would take would be two sentences from Jim's lips. Two sentences.

Deep in his heart, Jim knew he could never reveal the secret. He wasn't the man for character assassination. But Jim was just as sure that Super Destroyer had to be driven out of wrestling. Someone had to do it. That someone was Jim Brunzell.

The next day, Jim called the promoter. "I'll wrestle Super Destroyer II anytime, anywhere, anyhow. Money is no object; pay me anything you want! I have my reasons."

When Super Destroyer II heard of Brunzell's call, he immediately called up the young wrestler.

"You know," the masked grappler said.

"Yes."

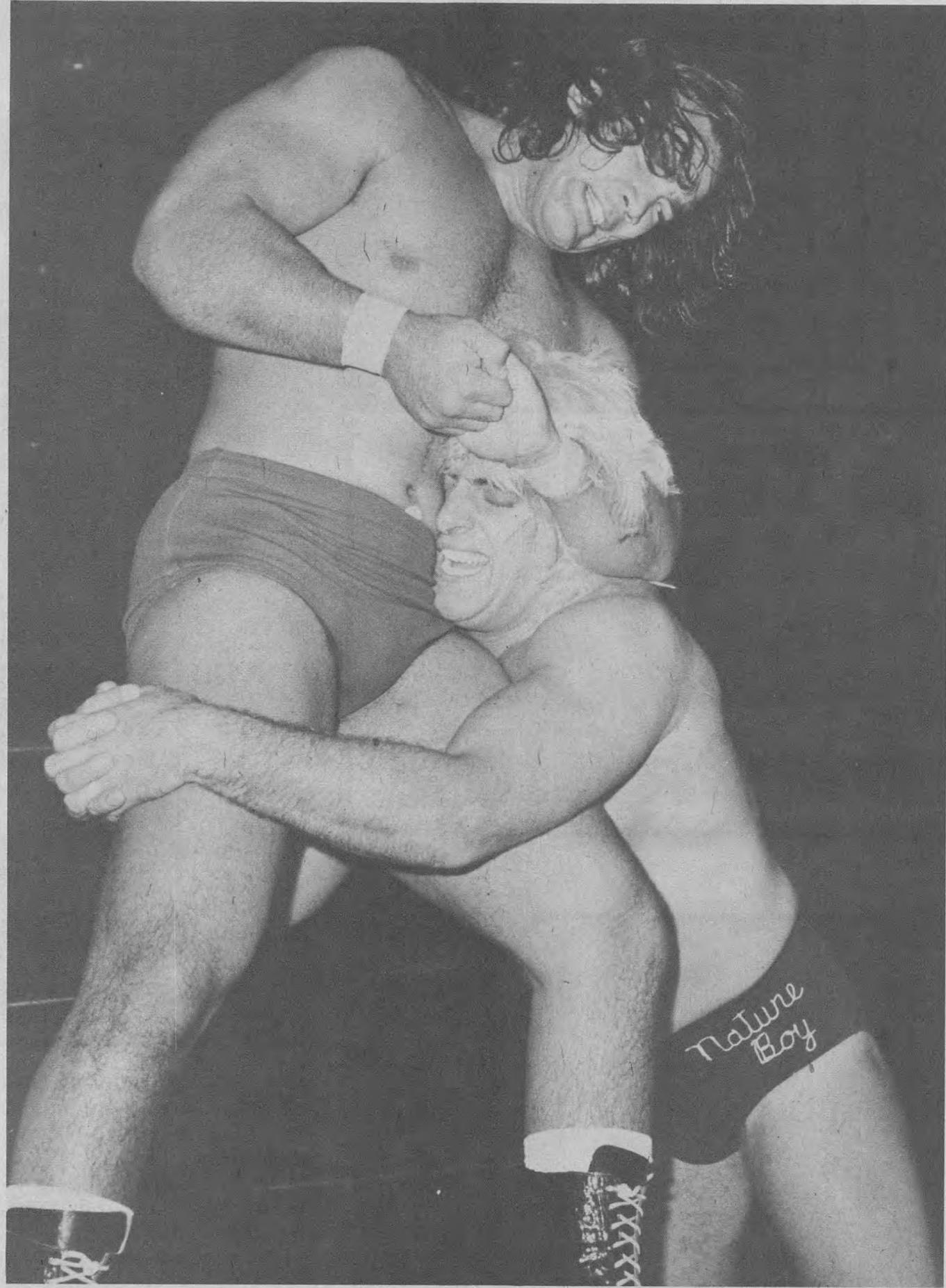
"You're not going to tell though."

"No. But I am going to drive you out of wrestling."

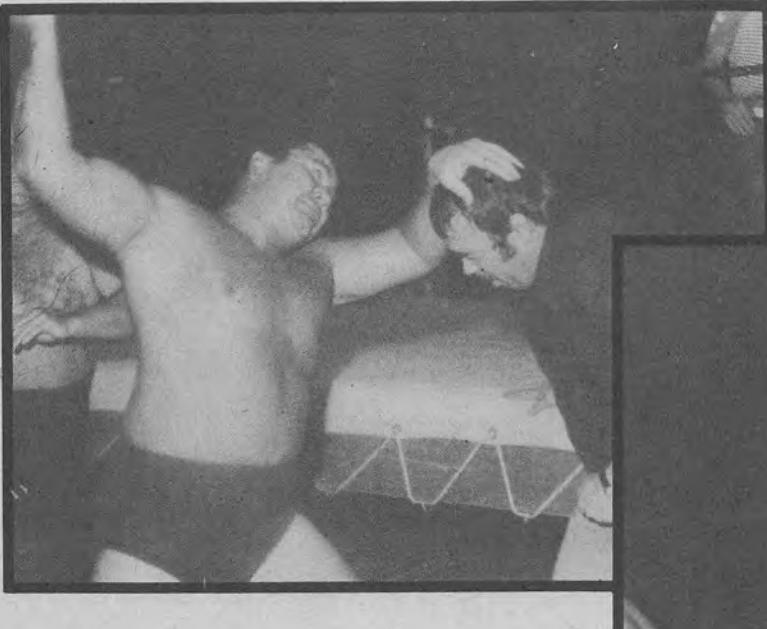
"You can try."

Jim Brunzell is ready to talk about his mission against Super Destroyer II. However, he's sworn never to reveal the masked grappler's horrible secret.

"If no one else finds out," Jim swears, "the secret will die with me." □



**WRESTLING YEARBOOK STARSHOTS**  
Rick Steamboat Headlocks Ric Flair



# A TRIBUTE TO WAHOO McDANIEL



**W**HEN DISCUSSING Wahoo McDaniel, adjectives can seem repetitive. Warm. Decent. Kind. Fair.

Put two fans in the same room, mention the same wrestler and sure enough, an argument will begin. With Wahoo, certain arguments are defused. No one would debate his outstanding skills,



both in and out of the squared circle.

Certainly, Wahoo McDaniel's brilliant ring record recites its own praise. Winner of numerous regional titles. Often cited as the most favorite wrestler in the areas he wrestles in.

In this pictorial tribute to McDaniel, his moments of

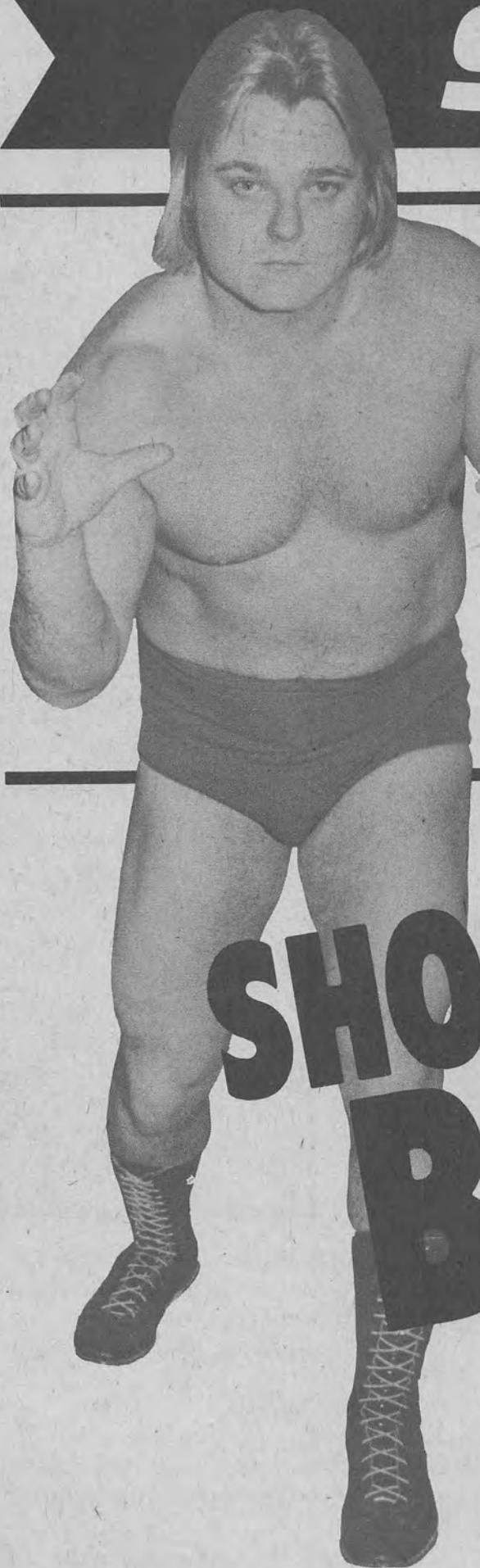
greatness are preserved forever within the confines of our talented photographer's eyes.

Yet much of what Wahoo McDaniel represents cannot be conveyed through a picture. Perhaps not even a match can properly exemplify the deep kindness of this man.

Any wrestler will say that,

after the love of the fans, the praise of his peers is most important. Leave it for Jay Youngblood to fully, perhaps sentimentally, describe McDaniel.

"If we could cut up Wahoo's decency and make it into stars, they would light up the sky for millions of years." (Continued on page 56)



**Special**

**IT'S  
YOUR  
CHOICE--**

**SHOULD GREG  
BE BANNED?**

No one can deny  
wrestling is a savage sport.  
Everytime a wrestler climbs  
into the ring, he is risking bodily injury.  
Yet, for Greg Valentine, injuring an opponent  
is not a chance occurrence. He does so  
purposely, openly, and joyfully. He must  
be banned. And here's how YOU can do it

# Fan Ballot:

A CANCER IS loose upon the body of wrestling. This virus is slowly poisoning the sport, spreading a rash of terror through the community.

Unfortunately, it is not a simple one-celled animal. Its evil is complex, protected by layers upon layers of motivation and drive.

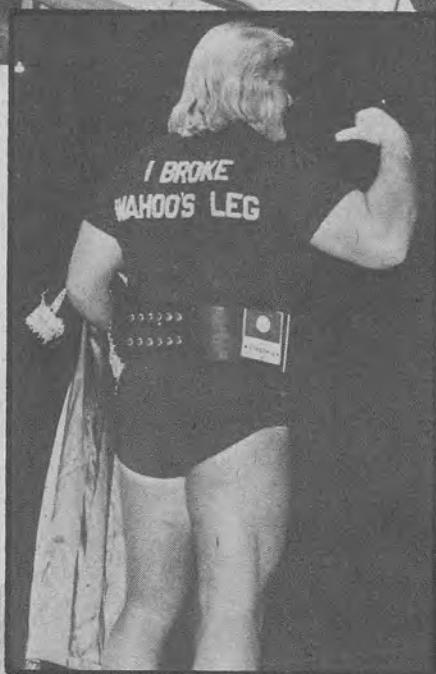
It is known by the humanoid name of Greg Valentine. But it is not human. It does not resemble anything human. No known species which walks upon this planet could have created such a creature.

Either it came, like a hideous bacteria, from space, or it rose from the ashes of hell. Either way, it must be stopped.

# VALENTINE NED?



Above: A heavily sedated Chief Jay Strongbow lies in his hospital bed a few hours after Valentine broke Jay's leg.  
Below: A pained Strongbow received medical attention from the arena doctor.  
Right: Valentine has broken legs before—and is proud of it.



# SPECIAL FAN BALLOT

Send Ballots To: "BAN VALENTINE"  
c/o WRESTLING YEARBOOK  
Box 48  
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571

## "Should Greg Valentine Be Banned?"

YES

NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Above: Valentine comes down on Dominic DeNucci's leg with a flying elbowsmash. Above right: Valentine continues to work on DeNucci's leg. The villain Valentine says he likes to hear his opponent's bones snap.



And only you fans can stop it. Let us recount its sins. This despicable creature learned a maneuver called the figure-four leglock. Other wrestlers have used it, much the same way a headlock

or flying bodypress is used. To achieve victory, no more.

However, this gross germ does not want more victory. It wants mutilation and dismemberment. It wants to destroy careers. It chuckles at the sounds of moans. It laughs upon hearing breaking bones. It sneers at any weakness.

Its name is Greg Valentine. You must stop it.

Ask Chief Jay Strongbow. Once upon a time, Chief had two good legs. He was born with them. He used them as a child. As a young man. As a scientific wrestler.

In a match against Greg Valentine, one of those legs was broken. There was no reason for it. Strongbow had already submitted, trapped in a figure-four leglock. Why did Valentine maim? Why didn't he release the pressure?

Why? WHY!!!!

"I like the sound of legs breaking," Valentine confessed smilingly. "Nothing in the world gives me more pleasure than breaking someone's leg."

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# SPECIAL SECTION

# REPORT CARDS OF THE STARS

**By popular demand, we are once again presenting our "Wrestling Report Cards." Guaranteed to cause controversy, they have spared no one in their honest assessments. Get ready to see your favorite star receive his final grade!**

**T**WO YEARS IS a long time in wrestling. Since we last assembled our distinguished panel to grade the top mat stars, important changes have altered the sport. Champions have risen and fallen. Challengers have ascended with mercurial potential only to lapse back into the well of mediocrity.

Despite this inherent unpredictability, we have called in our experts and asked them to once again rate the wrestlers. Admittedly, there was some grumbling. An avalanche of mail bombarded our panel after the last "Report Cards."

All wrestling experts must have a thick skin. Our panel has an iron

hide. They will need it. Their final grades will provoke controversy.

Wrestlers are graded on four crucial categories. First is conduct. Many people feel this is the most important aspect of a grappler. What a man is and how he acts in the ring determines fan reaction and, ultimately, career accomplishments. The experts argued many hours over this category.

Next came ability. It was difficult for the experts to be objective. Sometimes a rule-breaker will obscure his innate skills with fiendish conduct and his talent becomes buried. We tried to push away prejudices and extract and grade the talent.

Third is maneuvers. Of course,

this combines behavior and ability into tangible ring action. Each expert had his own perception of what makes a maneuver effective. Again, hours of noisy debate preceded the decisions in this category.

Finally, there is the category of future prospects for the grappler. This indicates where we feel the wrestler will go, based on what he's done so far in his career.

After publication, many fans and many wrestlers will feel slighted and angry at the final grades. Remember, this is a thankless job for which our experts receive no pay and little reward.

All they ask is that you respect their integrity and their right to their esteemed opinions. □

**OVERALL**

**A-**

**MR.  
WRESTLING II**



**GRADE**

**CONDUCT:**

A wrestler with integrity. His adherence to scientific wrestling borders on religious. Perhaps the adoring relationship between him and the fans accounts for this. Some use the mask to conceal evil. Mr. Wrestling II uses it to promote decency.

**GRADE**

**90**

**ABILITY:**

Power, refined by years of experience, is his principle weapon. Admittedly not the swiftest afoot, but what he lacks in quickness is compensated by cleverness. If one man could write a book on scientific wrestling, it would be Mr. Wrestling II.

**GRADE**

**83**

**MANEUVERS:**

A master with the spinning toehold. Few foes can escape this punishing maneuver. Countless times he's had opportunities to cripple an opponent. But he never would. By using his wily strength, II has elevated the spinning toehold to a masterful art.

**GRADE**

**86**

**FUTURE:**

For as long as he works hard, refines his moves and keeps his powerful body trim, II will be a contender. Sources report that removal of the Masked Superstar from Georgia arenas is II's driving ambition. No matter the foe, the fans will always be the driving fuel in II's engines.

**GRADE**

**85**

**OVERALL**

**B-**

## **NICK BOCKWINKLE**



**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

The AWA champion's ring behavior is highly controversial. Many claim his former manager, Bobby Heenan, was constantly responsible for pulling Nick out of seemingly hopeless situations. Although he claims he owns an uneven temper, Bockwinkle's frequent disqualifications simply serve the purpose of keeping the title in his corner.

**GRADE**

**66**

### **ABILITY:**

The entire world can finally see what kind of wrestler Nick Bockwinkle really is. When Bobby Heenan directed his attack, Bockwinkle was obsessed with holding onto his belt and did whatever was necessary to do so. Now, with Heenan hundreds of miles away, Nick finally has to wrestle on his own.

**GRADE**

**80**

### **MANEUVERS:**

A proponent of the dangerous figure-four leglock, Bockwinkle also uses the Boston Crab to great effectiveness. But Nick's array of maneuvers are usually clouded by his uneven ring behavior. His shocking strength and veteran experience allow him to handle all moves without panic.

**GRADE**

**90**

### **FUTURE:**

This may be the most often-asked question in the sport today. Can Nick survive without Heenan? Will his seemingly endless title reign end in an embarrassing display of inadequacy? The experts give Nick's title reign one more year at the most, although the current contenders have not dented Nick's ego or his protective championship shell.

**GRADE**

**75**

**OVERALL**

**A-**

## **DUSTY RHODES**



**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

Unpredictable. Not a finesse wrestler. Not a real brawler. Possesses an explosive temper which Rhodes confesses is his most serious flaw. Rhodes has a charming unruliness. He is able to keep the match scientific, but equally able to batter a foe senseless.

**GRADE**

**80**

### **ABILITY:**

Enormous. For a large man, Rhodes has tremendous quickness. He also has excellent concentration. Unfortunately, that volatile temper shatters the concentration. Has surprising power.

**GRADE**

**93**

### **MANEUVERS:**

The bionic elbowsmash is a lethal weapon. When Rhodes begins to unfurl it, a rippling delirium coarses through the crowd. Few can survive its punishing effects. When and if Rhodes finally captures a world title, the bionic elbow from the "American Dream" will be the final winning maneuver.

**GRADE**

**91**

### **FUTURE:**

Despite winning several regional awards and numerous fan favorite plaques, Rhodes' dream eludes him—a world title. He has challenged many times but always seems to fall short. Until he harnesses that fiery temper, his goal will remain beyond his grasp.

**GRADE**

**89**

OVERALL

## ERNIE LADD



C-

GRADE

### CONDUCT:

This man has utter disregard for wrestling rules. No dirty trick is beneath him. He will distract foes with false alarms to gain an unfair advantage. He will whine to the referees about alleged dirty tricks, and then turn around and use any despicable tactic he knows.

GRADE

60

### ABILITY:

Underrated. At 6-9, Ladd is a formidable figure. By relying on rulebreaking, Ladd has allowed his natural skills to rot. Has strength and deceptive quickness. At times, sheer physical presence can overwhelm opponents.

GRADE

73

### MANEUVERS:

Consistent with his crass character, Ladd's primary weapon is his taped thumb. Supposedly the result of an old football injury, Ladd regularly pokes the thumb into his opponents' eyes. Also enjoys whipping an opponent off the ropes, then slamming his foot into his foe's face.

GRADE

68

### FUTURE:

Yet to find his niche. Perhaps recent terrorization of Mid-Atlantic area signals a foreboding future. Has both talent and determination to win a world title. Still needs one powerful finishing maneuver to become a great grappler.

GRADE

80

**OVERALL**

## **BULLDOG BROWER**



**F**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

Disgraceful. A wild savage unleashed amid civilization. The inevitable collision and destruction only further tarnishes this lunatic's reputation. No sickening, vile distasteful act is beneath this depraved beast's greedy mind.

**GRADE**

**58**

### **ABILITY:**

There is much controversy on this aspect of Brower. Embedded within the maniacal soul lurks a natural wrestler. All the equipment is there: strength, speed, determination. Yet the deranged mind has created such a bizarre personality that all talk of talent becomes meaningless.

**GRADE**

**80**

### **MANEUVERS:**

Is purposeful mutilation an art? Will blood-lust suffice for ambition? For Bulldog Brower, maneuver is a deceiving term. Simply, he enters the ring and tries to maim his foe any possible way he can.

**GRADE**

**60**

### **FUTURE:**

Only a radical change in personality can offer a bright future. There is talent and obviously drive. Some control and channeling of energy is essential if he is to live up to his potential. But it is doubtful that such a change will occur.

**GRADE**

**75**

**OVERALL**

## **JACK BRISCO**



**A-**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

This man personifies class. Only when provoked far beyond rational restraint will he stoop to brawling. However, Jack Brisco can brawl with the best of them. He combines that rarest of formulas: strength, savvy, and ring wisdom. Any young wrestler would be wise to emulate this former two-time NWA champion.

**GRADE**

**94**

### **ABILITY:**

Considerable. In fact, there are moments when Brisco approaches genius in the fluidity of his talents. Strength and speed are his principle virtues. Possesses a deep intellect which permits him to swiftly detect foe's faults.

**GRADE**

**90**

### **MANEUVERS:**

As an exponent of the figure-four leglock, Brisco is known for solid scientific maneuvers. Unlike rulebreakers, Brisco uses the maneuver solely to achieve victory. Though the figure-four leglock is his specialty, Brisco is accomplished in the use of the Boston Crab.

**GRADE**

**92**

### **FUTURE:**

No one wins the NWA title *twice* without holding a significant place in wrestling legend. For his triumphs inside the squared circle and for the grace he typifies outside, Brisco has done much in his career. More is expected of him. He has his own tough act to follow.

**GRADE**

**87**

**OVERALL**

## **ANDRE THE GIANT**



**A+**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

Andre exemplifies all the finest aspects of professional wrestling. Given his enormous size advantage, the temptation to bully opponents must be great. Yet Andre refrains from such crass intimidation. Fortunately, the Giant has morals.

**GRADE**

**96**

### **ABILITY:**

Tremendous skills lie within this fortress of strength. Obviously, his sheer size enables him to overwhelm foes. But Andre the Giant is not only size. For a man standing 7-5, his agility is startling. Also, his strong hands are like animal traps.

**GRADE**

**90**

### **MANEUVERS:**

Two maneuvers demonstrate Andre's repertoire. One is the bearhug, a formidable maneuver in any strongman's arsenal. In Andre's grip, it can be lethal. The other maneuver is the flying bodypress, a tactic which requires size and agility.

**GRADE**

**85**

### **FUTURE:**

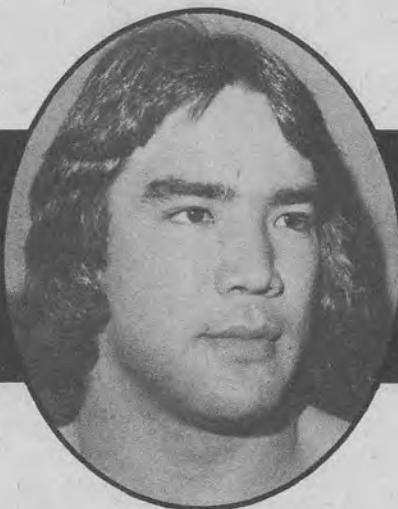
Limitless. No one has ever defeated him. And looking ahead, it is likely no one ever will. Privately, Andre admits disappointment at the method used by rulebreakers to deny him a world belt. But he's determined to win one. Who would bet against him?

**GRADE**

**94**

**OVERALL**

**RICK  
STEAMBOAT**



**B+**

**GRADE**

**CONDUCT:**

Once impeccable, lately shoddy. Since winning the United States heavyweight title, Steamboat has been victimized by his own rude temper. He's compiled an embarrassing amount of disqualifications for a scientific wrestler. Whether this is a passing phase or a permanent condition could determine Steamboat's once gleaming future.

**GRADE**

**80**

**ABILITY:**

Talented and improving. Magnificent physique and cunning intellect gives him imposing qualifications. Maintains his muscles. Very agile. Surprises opponents with his power.

**GRADE**

**91**

**MANEUVERS:**

Executes the very difficult "Karate Thrusts." Though one of wrestling's more difficult maneuvers, Steamboat's agility enables him to implement the move with devastating accuracy. With his physique and natural talent, no maneuver is beyond his grasp.

**GRADE**

**90**

**FUTURE:**

A few months ago, Steamboat's career seemed limitless. Surviving a gory feud with Ric Flair and winning the U.S. title, Steamboat was catapulted into superstardom. But his inexplicable temper may ruin him. If Steamboat conquers it, defeating wrestling's rulebreakers will be easy for this sensational grappler.

**GRADE**

**88**

**OVERALL**

## **RIC FLAIR**



**C**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

An infected sore upon the face of wrestling. His star status merely compounds his loathsome manner. Maiming and crippling are as natural to him as breathing and eating. Wrestling was not intended to be the gross spectacle of gory disfigurement Flair transforms it into.

**GRADE**

**64**

### **ABILITY:**

Impressive. Despite reliance on rulebreaking, Flair's strength and shrewd mind enable him to gain advantages over foes. Unfortunately, he is unwilling, or unable to ever channel natural skills into a positive approach to his sport.

**GRADE**

**83**

### **MANEUVERS:**

His flying elbowsmash is a thing of powerful devastation. To adequately implement it, one must have no second thoughts about hurting his foe. Flair has none. At this stage, he is content to use the flying elbowsmash as his primary maneuver. That and brutality, of course.

**GRADE**

**79**

### **FUTURE:**

Murky for reasons of personal problems. As Flair becomes increasingly isolated, he must find the pressure unbearable. Unless he can somehow modify his extreme position, he will find himself pitted against the world. No one, regardless of how tough they may be, can triumph over those odds.

**GRADE**

**72**

**OVERALL**

**BOB  
BACKLUND**



**A**

**GRADE**

**CONDUCT:**

Excellent. As a noble, active WWF champion, Backlund has grown into the responsibility of being a symbol of decency and quality. In the beginning of his title reign, his conduct was occasionally immature and uneven. But today Backlund is a veteran, ring-wise champ.

**GRADE**

**93**

**ABILITY:**

Considerable. Backlund's natural talents have never been questioned. A fine athlete, his amateur wrestling background has trained him well for the grueling grind of the professional mat world. Speed is his forte, but his strength is underrated. Also, hours of gym work have increased his stamina considerably.

**GRADE**

**93**

**MANEUVERS:**

The atomic spinebreaker has finished many of his foes. Backlund's repertoire would make most veterans jealous. He displays a fine knowledge of most holds and his defense and counter-maneuvers are outstanding. He is still improving in this respect.

**GRADE**

**92**

**FUTURE:**

Backlund is no longer a youngster with great potential. He is a champion who has reached the top and enjoys the feel of the WWF championship belt around his waist. However every rulebreaker in wrestling would love to maim him and he knows it.

**GRADE**

**96**

**OVERALL**

## **HARLEY RACE**



**B**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

The NWA champion is a master of the moment. He is best described as an opportunist, a veteran grappler who does what it takes to hold on to his title. Race has the capabilities of wrestling scientifically for an entire match. He also knows how to lose his cool and be disqualified when such action will save his belt. Also a superb brawler.

**GRADE**

**78**

### **ABILITY:**

Harley Race is talented. Even his severest critics cannot deny this. His speed has been questioned, but his experience helps him to be at the right place most of the time. Strength is essential and Race possesses plenty of brawn, but Harley still keeps trucking mainly due to his brains and timing.

**GRADE**

**82**

### **MANEUVERS:**

Few wrestlers exhibit a wider display of suplexes than Harley Race. Also a master of the piledriver, Race can chose several finishing holds when he is in total command of his matches. Frequently, however, Race's rulebreaking tendencies will erase his selection of inticate scientific maneuvers.

**GRADE**

**84**

### **FUTURE:**

When you are at the top, where can you go but down? Race's reign has been longer than the experts expected. The NWA is an extremely strong alliance and Harley cannot squeeze by forever. But he has lasted this long. He has been a brilliant, though controversial champion.

**GRADE**

**81**

**OVERALL**

## **GREG VALENTINE**



**D-**

**GRADE**

### **CONDUCT:**

Beyond description. Valentine has terrorized east coast wrestling and no one has disciplined him. Besides exhibiting a total disregard for all wrestling rules, Valentine receives extreme joy upon breaking the limbs of his poor opponents. A young maniac, Valentine must be stopped before he puts the entire scientific community in wheelchairs!

**GRADE**

**56**

### **ABILITY:**

Unfortunately, Valentine's natural talents are hidden beneath a disgusting rulebreaking cover. He is strong and possesses an intricate knowledge of scientific maneuvers. But he chooses not to use them. His speed is surprising and his strength is more than adequate. But he continues to brawl and maim instead of wrestle.

**GRADE**

**74**

### **MANEUVERS:**

Valentine has become a sadistic master of the figure-four leglock. Usually used to make an opponent submit, the dreaded maneuver is carried one step further by the treacherous disciple of the Grand Wizard. Valentine applies the maneuver until he hears the leg bone pop. Then he smiles. He also uses a vicious elbowsmash.

**GRADE**

**68**

### **FUTURE:**

Even those who quiver upon seeing the hideous style of Valentine admit he has unlimited potential. But for as long as the shrewd, cunnig mind of the evil Grand Wizard directs Valentine, Greg will be a rulebreaking menace. The motive of revenge may eventually cause his downfall. Several wrestlers want to see him retired.

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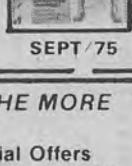
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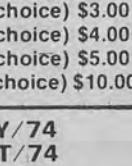
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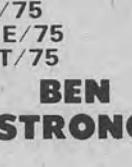
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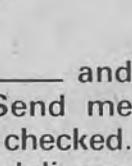
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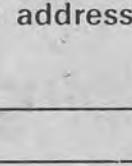
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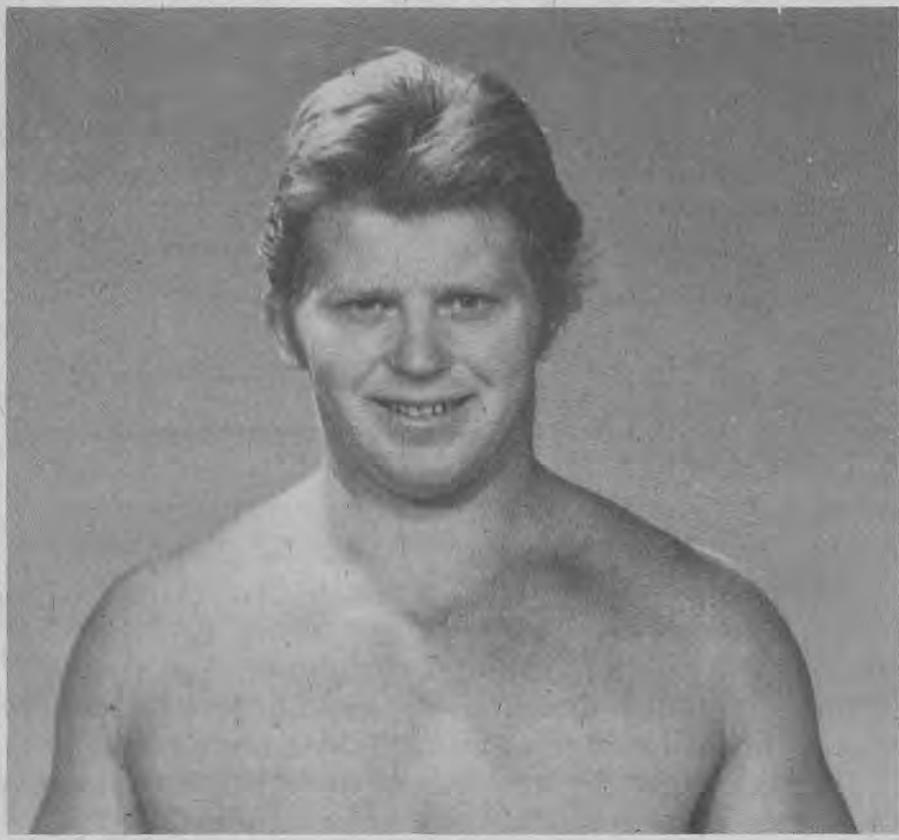
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## COURAGE HAS YET TO BE PROVEN

Bob Backlund has a long way to go before he can be accurately awarded a 10.0 in the courage category. I'm tired of hearing how he's taken on all the top challengers and all the fiendish rulebreakers. As far as I'm concerned, that's just some Skoaland-Backlund propaganda.

Backlund still whines, still cries and refuses to conduct himself like a true champ. Maturity is still far beyond Backlund's grip. And until he reaches maturity, he won't find the courage needed to be a great wrestler.

LYNN SULLIVAN  
New York, N.Y.

## A BIT OVERRATED

Affection shouldn't be confused with skill. When your magazine charted wrestlers,

WWF champion Bob Backlund's courage has yet to be tested, according to reader Lynn Sullivan. We are sure many disagree with her assessment.

they seemed to allow emotions to cloud their judgements. Wahoo McDaniel is one such example of this. I don't think his finishing maneuvers deserve a 9.5. Certainly his repertoire doesn't deserve a 9.5 either.

Another example of this is your rating of Ivan Putski. Again, a nice guy but overrated as a wrestler. I'll concede his strength, not much more.

HELEN WALTERS  
Knoxville, Tenn.

## RUBBISH, RUBBISH AND MORE RUBBISH

Just because your "experts" don't understand the man from Sudan, there is no reason to

downgrade Abdullah the Butcher. To give Abdullah a mere 72.5 score in your Stat-O-Charts is an insult.

Has anyone ever sat down with Abdullah and tried to understand why he is the way he is? Have any of your "experts" traveled to Sudan in quest of a larger understanding of Abdullah's background?

Obviously not. But you judge him real quick, don't you? Experts? Humbug!

ARNOLD SLOANE  
Macon, Ga.



Former WWF champion Superstar Billy Graham should not be rated, or so says Andre LaPlume of Philadelphia. Our opinion is Graham is still a top wrestler.

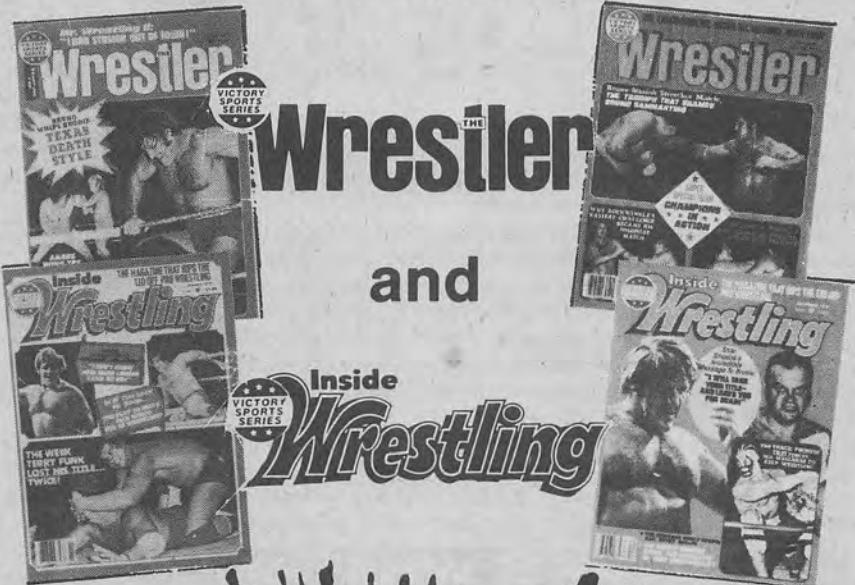
#### GRAHAM IS OVER THE HILL

Stop ranking that bum, Superstar Billy Graham. The guy's a total loser and he'll get as close to another title as I will. You can see his muscles turning flabby to match his mushy mind. Why you bothered to rate him, much less give him a high mark of 92.0, completely eludes me.

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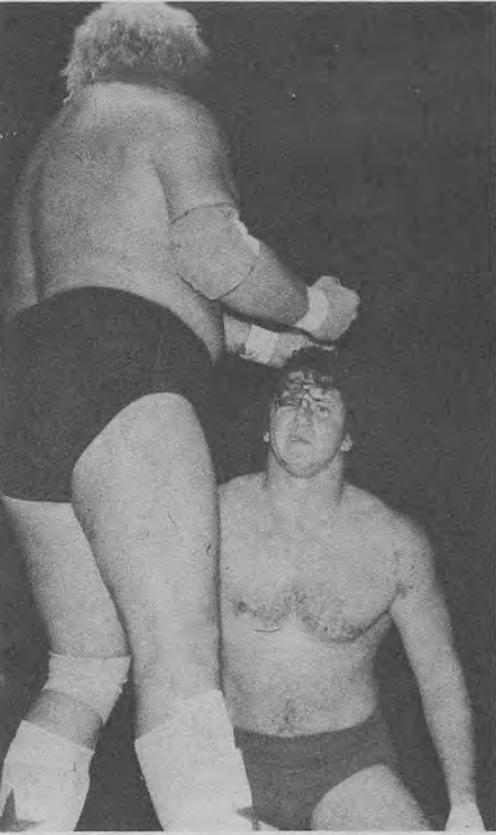
Funk is star-struck. A popular, sensational former NWA champion, Funk appears perilously close to ending his ring career for a full plunge into the glitter and glamour of the cinema.

Funk's initial bout with the movie industry was impressive. In Sylvester Stallone's "Paradise Alley," Funk played Frankie the Thumper, a mean, light-headed enforcer who foams at the mouth in anticipation of breaking bones. In the film's climactic final scene, Funk wrestles Lee Canalito, a professional boxer tutored by Terry for the movie. The exciting action was as thrilling as any Funk-Brisco match. Terfy even received seven stitches for his efforts.

While shooting the film, Terry wrote and choreographed the wrestling scene. He discovered a joy for writing, and has now written his own screenplay. It is

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Dusty Rhodes punishes a bloody Terry Funk (above). Funk as "Frankie the Thumper" squares off against Lee Canalito in "Paradise Alley" (below).



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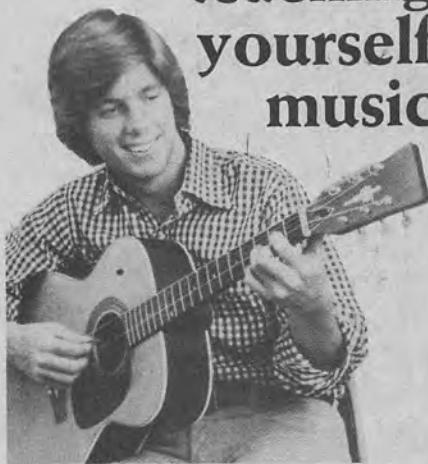
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# TERRY FUNK

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Funk and Canalito pose during filming (above). Terry supervised all wrestling action. Terry and wife Vicki look over Funk's new movie script, entitled "Whiskey Twister and Me" (below). His new script does not deal with pro wrestling. It concerns the rodeo.



entitled, "Whiskey Twister and Me." However this plot does not concern wrestling. The subject is a small rodeo circuit in the panhandle area of Texas.

"It is about this fellow that is pretty much of a whiskey-drinkin', God fearin', wife grievin' son-of-a-

gun," Funk explained. His wife passed away. He has a boy, a ten-year-old boy, who is very much in love with his father, although his father does have some extreme drinking problems.

"There is no person who fits this  
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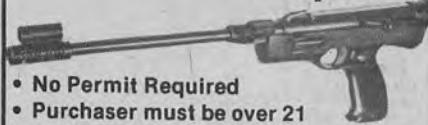


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description. I mean this guy is really too crazy to be anybody you know. I laugh like hell every time I think about it."

But what of Terry Funk the wrestler? Have we seen the last of

"I love the sport," Terry answered. "I still love the sport very much, but I can't name you very many 75-year-old wrestlers or even 65-year-old wrestlers that are still alive. I am talking about the



Terry relaxes at home while reading his movie script. Does a booming Hollywood career mean the end of Terry Funk the wrestler? Terry isn't sure. But he is sure that he loves the movie industry.

his figure-four leglock? Have Terry and Dory Funk Jr. teamed for the final feud match against the Briscos? Has the former NWA champion finally ended his quest to regain the title?

fellows who have retired. I think the constant blows and slams take their toll. I haven't retired because I don't have enough money to retire, but I have slowed my schedule way down.



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Terry tosses Harley Race to the mat (above). He and Race have had several classic matches. Their feud is legendary. Funk was once an NWA champion.

"I would like to retire now. It is not that I've lost it as a wrestler. I don't even know if I've reached my peak. I know this, though. Wrestling is a very, very tough profession on your family life."

The production schedule for Funk's screenplay begins in August or September. What does this mean to the thousands of loyal, die-hard Terry Funk fans?

"If I get the go on this completely, that's it. I am not saying later on—sure I'd like to wrestle some more once in a while. I would not be out of wrestling completely, but I would be out of the picture as far as wrestling constantly."

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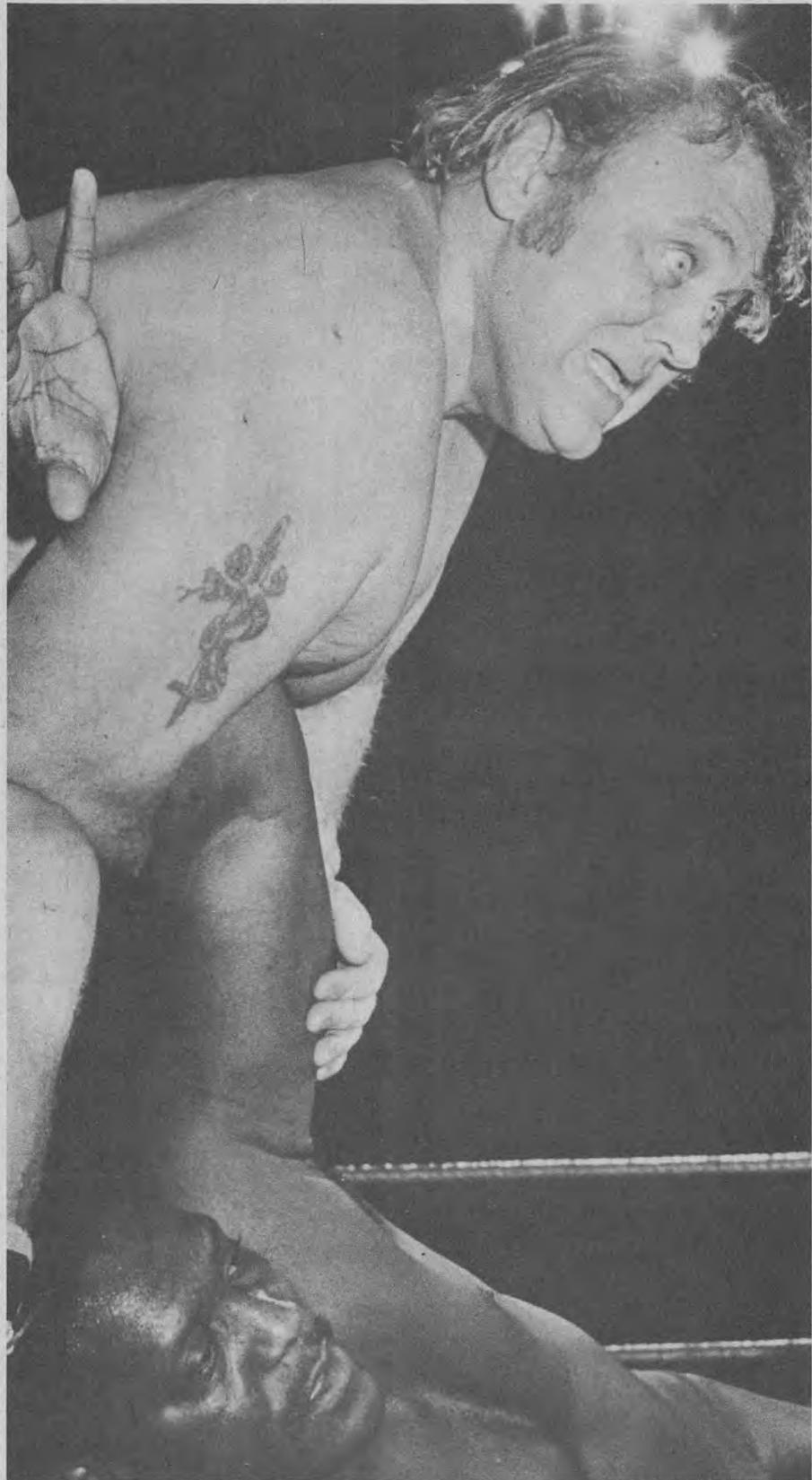
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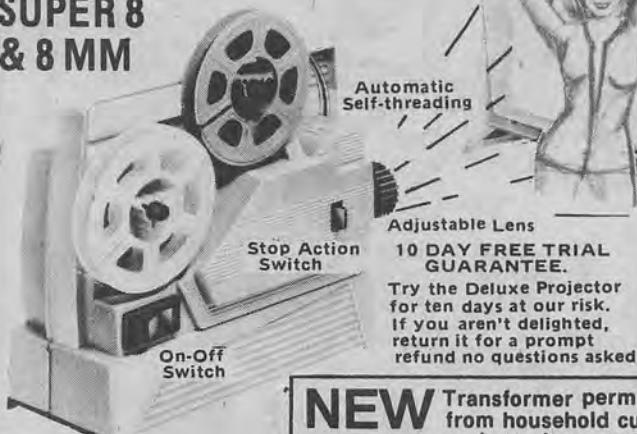
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Wahoo suplexes Harley Race (above). Wahoo is interviewed in Minnesota (below). The Indian grappler is a winner again (above right). McDaniel has tomahawked his stunned opponent (right).





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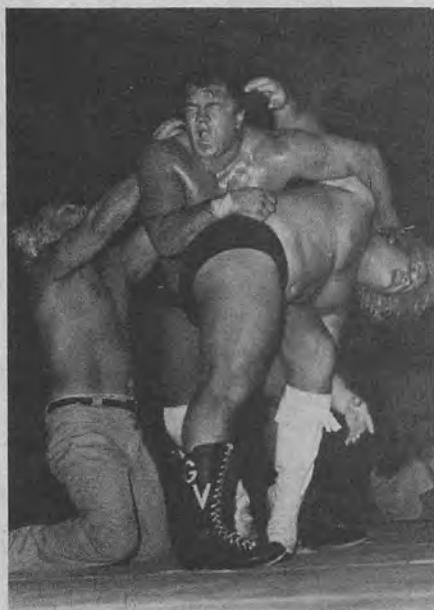
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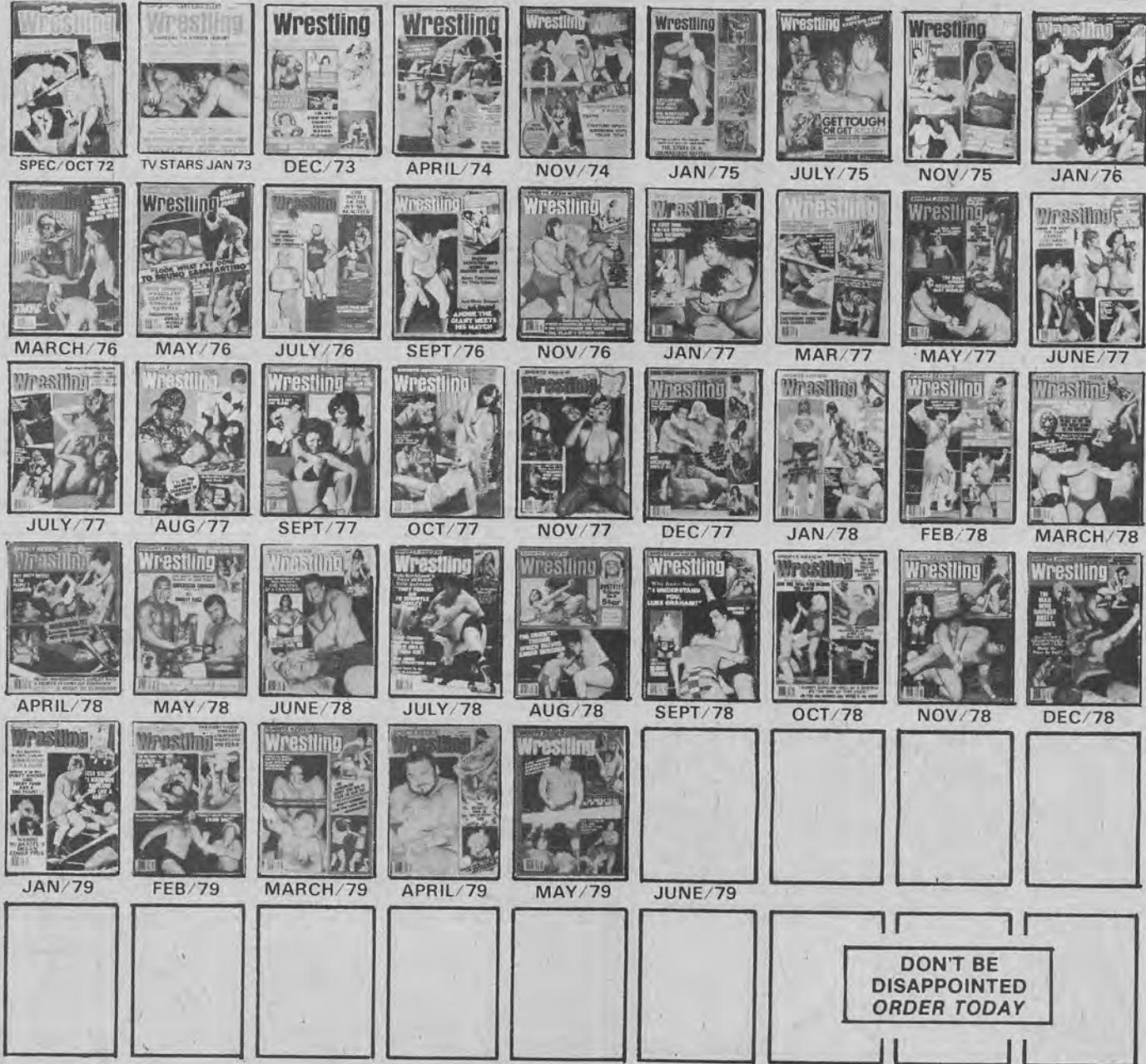
McDaniel is double-teamed by Ric Flair and Greg Valentine (above left). McDaniel is bloody and angry after a match (above right). Wahoo is furious as Ric Flair backs up (below). McDaniel has always been a fan favorite.



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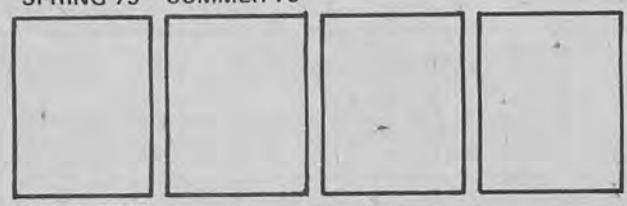
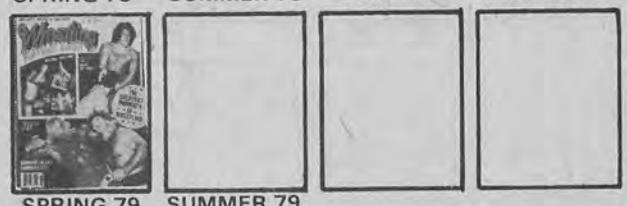
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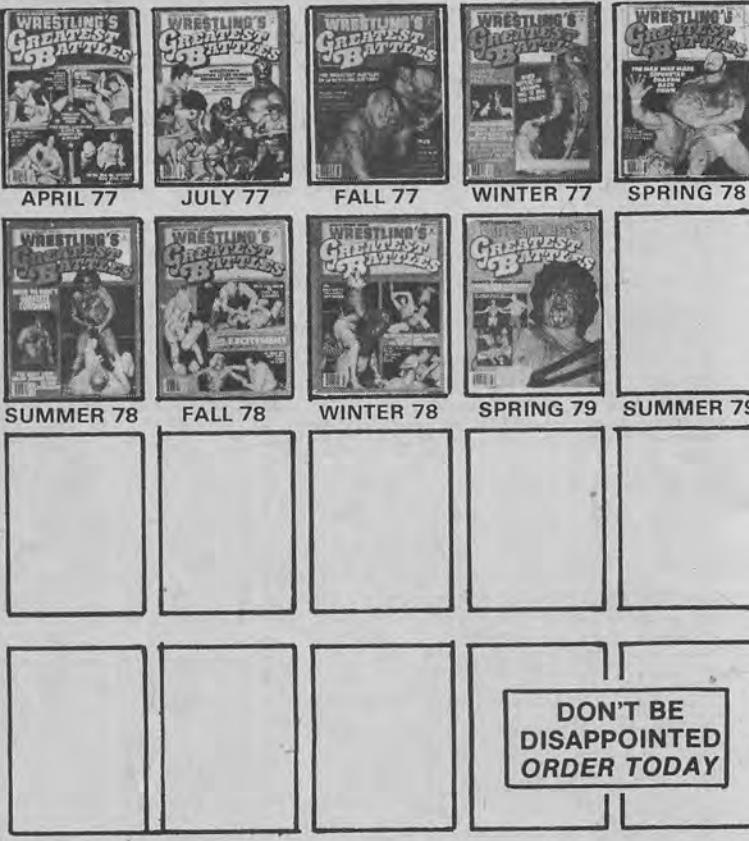
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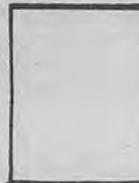
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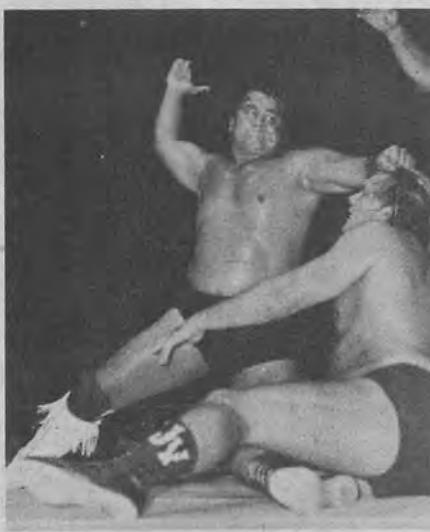


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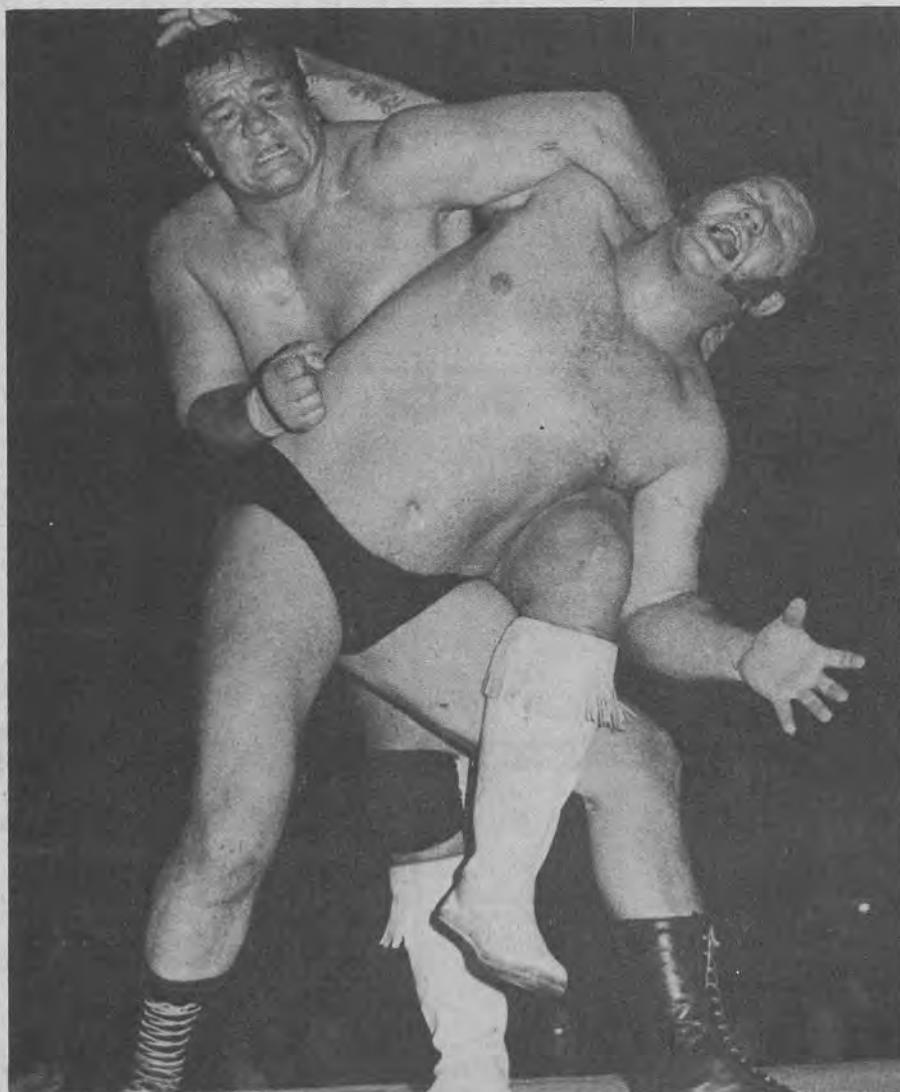
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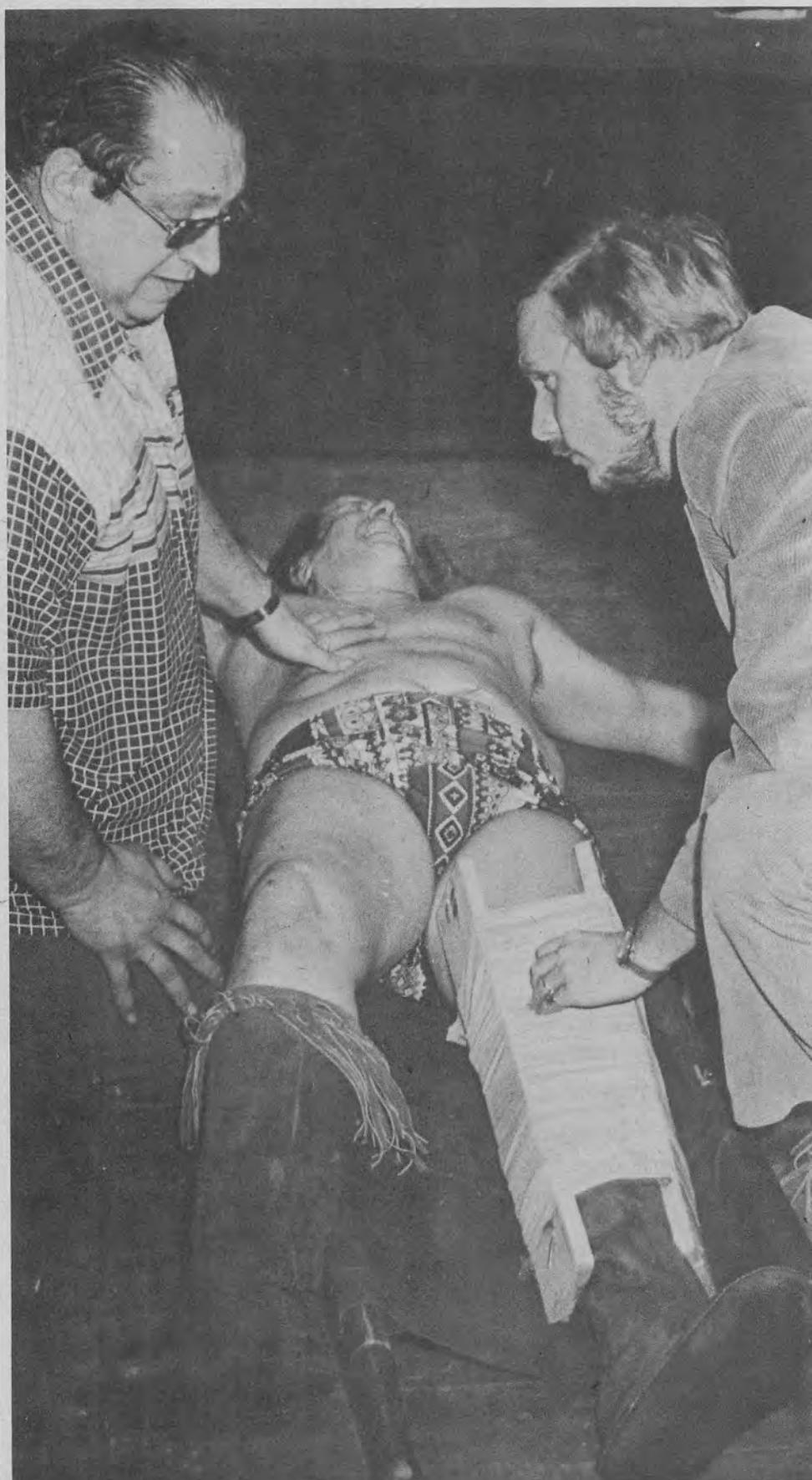
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## GREG VALENTINE

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On the night Valentine broke Strongbow's leg, Jay receives comfort from the doctor and Gorilla Monsoon. All of the WWF scientific wrestlers hope Greg is banned.

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"Who's gonna stop me, huh?" sneered Valentine. "What, some creepy wrestler is gonna stop me in the ring? You kidding me, chump?"

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"We want Greg to break legs. It keeps him in shape," insisted the Wizard. "Either you got thick bones or you don't. Obviously they don't make wrestlers like they used to."

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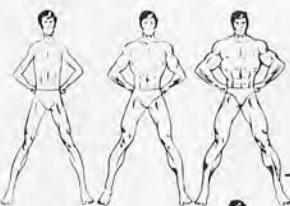
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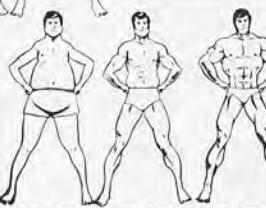
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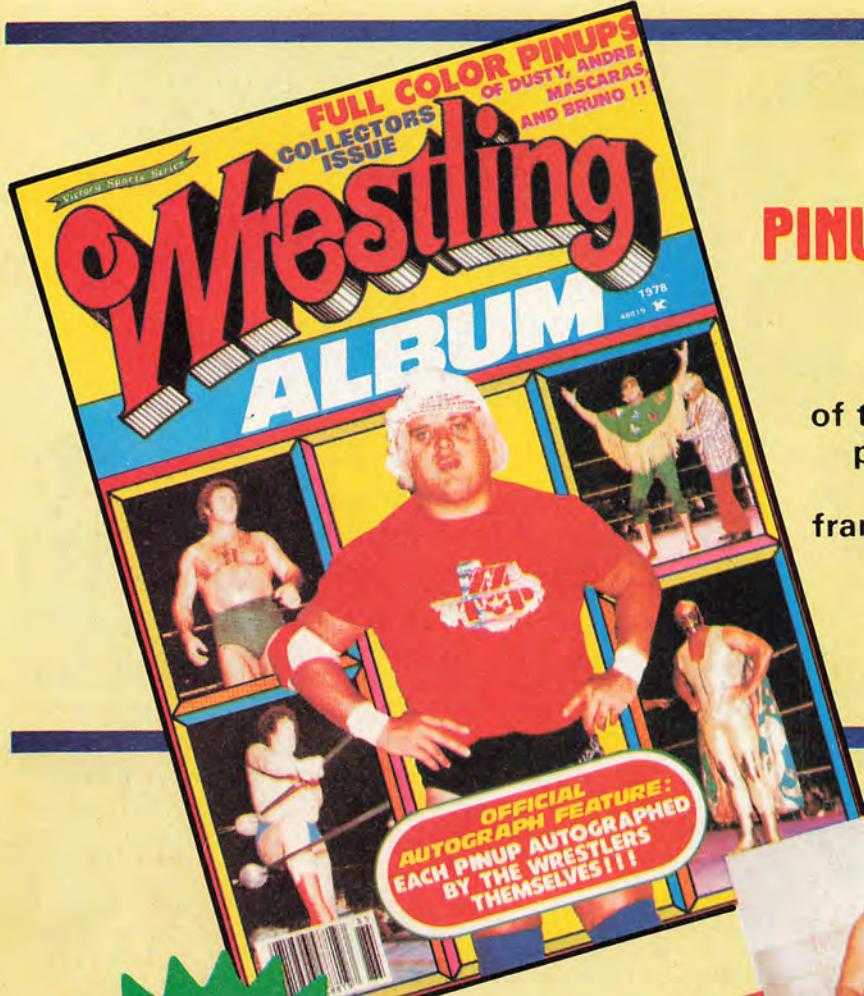


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